

REMARKS

Reconsideration of the application is requested.

Claims 24, 36-39, 59, 73-76, 91, 97-100, and 124-127 are now in the application. Claims 24, 36-39, 59, 73-76, 91, 97-100, and 124-127 are subject to examination. Claims 36, 73, 97, and 124 have been amended. Claims 35, 72, 96, and 123 have been canceled to facilitate prosecution of the instant application.

Under the heading “Claim Rejections – 35 USC § 112” on page 2 of the above-identified Office Action, claims 35 and 72 have been rejected as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph.

The limitations of claim 35 have been incorporated into claim 36 and “a carrier” has been introduced.

The limitations of claim 72 have been incorporated into claim 73. The limitation, “said base substrate” has been changed to “said substrate”.

It is accordingly believed that the claims meet the requirements of 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph. The above-noted changes to the claims are provided solely for clarification or cosmetic reasons. The changes are neither provided

for overcoming the prior art nor do they narrow the scope of the claim for any reason related to the statutory requirements for a patent.

Under the heading "Claim Rejections – 35 USC § 102" on page 3 of the above-identified Office Action, claims 35 and 123 have been rejected as being fully anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 4,774,434 to Bennion and in view of U.S. Publication No. 2001/0030866 to Hochstein further in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,833,347 to Nakamura et al. under 35 U.S.C. § 102.

Claims 35 and 123 have been canceled to facilitate prosecution of the instant application. Please see the discussion relating to the allowable subject matter.

Under the heading "Claim Rejections – 35 USC § 103" on page 4 of the above-identified Office Action, claims 72 and 96 have been rejected as being obvious over U.S. Publication No. 2001/0030866 to Hochstein further in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,833,347 to Nakamura et al. under 35 U.S.C. § 103.

Claims 72 and 96 have been canceled to facilitate prosecution of the instant application. Please see the discussion relating to the allowable subject matter.

Under the heading "Allowable Subject Matter" on page 6 of the above-identified Office Action, claims 24, 59, and 91 have been allowed.

Under the heading "Allowable Subject Matter" on page 6 of the above-identified Office Action, the Examiner indicated that claims 36-39, 73-76, 97-100, and 124-127 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all the limitations of the base claim.

Claims 36, 73, 97, and 124 have been rewritten in independent form including all the limitations of the base claim.

It is accordingly believed to be clear that none of the references, whether taken alone or in any combination, either show or suggest the features of claims 36, 73, 97, or 124. Claims 36, 73, 97, and 124 are, therefore, believed to be patentable over the art. The dependent claims are believed to be patentable as well because they all are ultimately dependent on one of the independent claims.

In view of the foregoing, reconsideration and allowance of claims 24, 36-39, 59, 73-76, 91, 97-100, and 124-127 are solicited.

In the event the Examiner should still find any of the claims to be unpatentable, counsel would appreciate receiving a telephone call so that, if possible, patentable language can be worked out.

Please charge any fees that might be due with respect to Sections 1.16 and 1.17 to the Deposit Account of Lerner Greenberg Stemer LLP, No. 12-1099.

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